

Oregon Health Plan Prioritized List Changes Neuroimaging in Dementia

The Health Evidence Review Commission approved the following changes to the Prioritized List of Health Services on August 9, 2013, based on the approved coverage guidance, “Neuroimaging in Dementia.” The changes will take effect for the Oregon Health Plan on October 1, 2012.

New guideline note:

DIAGNOSTIC GUIDELINE NOTE: NEUROIMAGING IN DEMENTIA

Neuroimaging is covered:

- A) To rule out reversible causes of dementia (tumors, normal pressure hydrocephalus and chronic subdural hematoma) via structural neuroimaging only

Neuroimaging is not covered:

- A) For screening of asymptomatic patients for dementia
- B) To predict progression of the risk of developing dementia in patients with mild cognitive impairment
- C) For screening, diagnosis, or monitoring of dementia, with functional neuroimaging (PET, SPECT or fMRI)